

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Britain's Budget

THE main bone of contention about Mr Macmillan's proposals for "securing the welfare and solvency of the nation" will be whether his incentives outweigh his impositions.

There is nothing dramatic about the Chancellor's budget, but it enjoys the distinction of being partly conventional and partly unorthodox. What other British Chancellor has dared to offer tax-free lottery prizes as an inducement to purchase savings bonds?

It is not in the ordinary sense a "popular" budget, but it strikes an interesting balance between concessions and impositions, designed to be complementary in their purpose.

THE "attractive" proposals are: tax free prizes for investors purchasing £1 savings bonds; better rates of interest for government savings certificates and defence bonds; exemption from income tax on the first £15 from Post Office savings deposits; increased family allowances; reduction of stamp duty for people buying their own homes.

The "unattractive" proposals are: increased tobacco tax; increased tax on distributed and undistributed profits; abolition of bread subsidies which will increase the price of a loaf of bread by threepence halfpenny; duty on wines to be extended to cider and perry. Among the new impositions, only the increase in bread prices can be deemed by the general public as harsh, but the Chancellor has displayed political sagacity as well as fairness in delving a little deeper into business profits. The least convincing accusation his critics can level at Mr Macmillan is that this is a rich man's budget.

FOR the government one of the most important questions about the budget proposals is whether the tax free prizes for savings bonds will catch the imagination of the public. It is a gamble on the public's gambling instincts. Mr Macmillan is hoping that there will be such a rush for these bonds that the prizes totalling up to £1,000 every three months will be repaid a thousandfold. But will it catch on? One disadvantage about these particular bonds is that they carry no interest, and therefore possess no long-term investment value. On the other hand the chance of a quick and substantial return possesses an appealing inducement.

The scheme is, for Britain, a novel experiment, and if it wins the public's support, will rate as one of the most successful ventures by any British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

NEVERTHELESS, too much emphasis must not be placed on the experimental feature of the Chancellor's budget. His measures must be viewed as a whole. They form an integrated effort to stabilise the nation's finances and economy. Their objective is not merely to raise additional revenue, fundamentally they are designed to divert expendable money into channels where it can be used to maintain Britain's solvency.

On the government's side the promise is made of a pruning in departmental expenditure, and the adoption of the system of financing capital expenditure in the nationalised industries out of available revenue. This will automatically apply a brake to spending and will save substantial interest charges. All in all Mr Macmillan has performed a commendable job in his treatment of the country's financial ailments. His cure certainly deserves success.

WIDESPREAD BUDGET BENEFITS

Tax Relief For Pensions Will Help 22 Million

London, Apr. 17.
Mr Macmillan's first budget today was very far-reaching.

For example, the tax relief for pensions benefit up to 11 million people, about 1½ million professional and other self-employed persons and about nine and a half million employed people not covered by present pension schemes. By this and other new inducements to savings the Chancellor remits about £20 million of taxation but expects it to be recouped several times over by people saving more.

By far the most important feature of the budget is the

promised cut of £100 million in Government spending. All Government spending is to be controlled by enlarging personal incomes and the supply of money. The cut in it should reduce the base of the inflationary pyramid.

Second only to the cuts in Government spending is the decision that the nationalised industries shall in future finance their capital expenditure direct from the Treasury. Hitherto, all of them except the

coal industry financed it from the market and the banks with the Treasury's guarantee. This change should mean something more than an important technical improvement. It could lead to closer Treasury control of the nationalised industries.

Like the other inducements to savings, the "premium fund" proposal had been fairly

widely expected. Subscribers to the bonds have their capital assured and gamble with the interest.

The prospective prizes of £1,000 do not compare with the lotteries in some overseas countries or with the one in millions chance of winning £75,000 in a football pool.

couraging forecast of a recovery on the invisible side of the balance of payments.

The banks will welcome the Chancellor's decision against official fixing of their liquidity ratios. Most other countries have a system of liquidity ratios, and the recent South African budget adopted it. In Britain the Chancellor has decided that the matter is best left to the unwritten law.

Contrary to some expectations, the Chancellor did not remove the exemption of industry and agriculture from local government taxes, or the tax relief on cars bought by businesses.

All told, however, he went remarkably far to put force into his message that the British people are determined to protect the pound and to win through.—Reuter.

MACMILLAN AND HIS BUDGET BOX

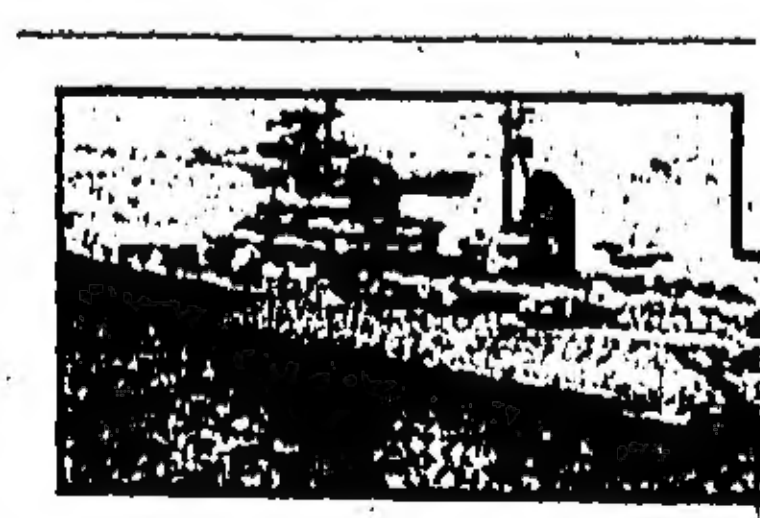


Eisenhower's 8-Point Plan To Win Election

Washington, Apr. 17.
President Eisenhower told Republican leaders tonight "we will win" the elections this autumn if "we build a crusading organisation".

"Let us go before the country this autumn with a programme that is concerned with those things which count most—people and principles," he said. "We will win, if from the moment of your arrival home, you work to build a crusading organisation of inspired morale, determined to interpret Republican principles."

- ☆ "The individual is of supreme importance."
- ☆ "The spirit of our people is the strength of our nation."
- ☆ "America does not prosper unless all Americans prosper."
- ☆ "Government must have a heart as well as a head."
- ☆ "Courage in principle, co-operation in practice make freedom positive."
- ☆ "The purpose of government is to serve, never to dominate."
- ☆ "To stay free we must stay strong."
- ☆ "Under God, we espouse the cause of freedom and justice and peace for all people."
- ☆ Expanding his seventh and eighth points, the President said: "To stay free America must stand strong. Americans must give themselves with sufficient military strength to discourage resort to war and protect their nation's vital interests; they must help to strengthen the collective defence of three nations against those who would seek their ends through aggression. Their own and their allied strength must be spiritual, intellectual, scientific, material."—United Press.



Cyprus Curfew

Nicosia, Apr. 17.
A dusk-to-dawn vehicle curfew has been imposed on Nicosia for one week, starting tomorrow, an official statement said today. This punishment follows the "brutal murder" of a Cypriot Greek Police officer last Sunday.

Gaza Shooting

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Israeli forces opened fire on Egyptian positions in the Gaza strip three times today, an Egyptian military spokesman said tonight. The Egyptians did not return the fire and there were no casualties, he said.—Reuter.

Bulganin & Khrushchev Near Portsmouth

Portsmouth, Apr. 18.
The Soviet cruiser, Ordzhonikidze, carrying Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev, was sailing down the English Channel today on its way to Portsmouth.

It was escorted by two destroyers. The two Soviet leaders are due to disembark just before midnight.

Strict Security

Unprecedented security precautions will prevent large crowds from gathering to welcome the Russians. Protocol decrees that the Russian tour cannot be officially regarded as a State occasion, so even the ships anchored at the wharves will be unable to "dress overall" to welcome the visitors.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev will be welcomed by Lord Reading, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office on behalf of the Government.

First official job for Marshal Bulganin when he steps ashore will be to inspect a guard of honour.

THE LATEST WEDDING NEWS 'HOLD-UP KING' IN MONACO

From JOAN HARRISON

Paris, Apr. 17.
France's one-time Public Enemy No. 2, Rene Girier, nicknamed "Rene with the swaggar cane," jewel thief, bank robber and hold-up king, is in Monaco tonight as a member of the personal domestic suite of Princess Charlotte, Prince Rainier's mother.

Princess Charlotte, who lives in the Chateau de Marchais near Rheims, has for many years been a prison social worker and visitor. In the grounds of the chateau there is a special modern villa called La Serena.

The gangster, apparently a model prisoner, was released into his care and came to live with his 15-year-old daughter at La Serena.

Wires Hummed

Several days ago Princess Charlotte informed the local gendarmes she intended to take with her son's wedding two of her paroled servants, Girier and another man, Marcel Bush, who was condemned several years to 10 years' hard labour.

The Surete in Paris was alerted and the wires started humming between Paris, Nice and Monaco.

Studio Tells Secrets Of Grace's Gown

Hollywood, Apr. 17.
Grace Kelly will walk down the aisle on Thursday in a Renaissance-style, ivory-coloured wedding gown featuring five skirts and two tiny lace top-birds embroidered on the veil.

M-G-M revealed today its top secret of the century—the plans for the gown, designed by Helen Rose. The studio's press announcement said 35 people spent six weeks making the gown, "the cost of which would be prohibitive if made by private couturier."

PEARL LEAVES

The voluminous petticoats include a silk crepe sheath, embroidered with 12 inches of lace, a hooped petticoat of tiny organdy and lace ruffles, another petticoat of silk taffeta covered with ruffles of nylon tulle, and another petticoat of taffeta and net which forms the 3½-yard train.

The overskirt of the gown, made of heavy taffeta, is bell-shaped and fastens in the back with three bows. The bride's circular veil of silk net has been embroidered with rosepoint lace, thousands of tiny pearls and two lovebirds.

New Savings Plan May Be Opposed On Moral Grounds

London, Apr. 18.
Britain almost forgot the Monte Carlo wedding today to applaud, argue over or condemn the "Monte Carlo Budget."

This is the tag applied to the proposal of Mr Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to introduce a "lucky dip" with rich prizes for holders of Government bonds.

Mr Macmillan's sensational proposal, marked the British Government's first departure

from orthodox finance since the State lotteries in the 18th century. His move, aimed at encouraging savings among one of the world's leading gambling nations, has made the Budget "post mortems" concentrate on moral rather than on the traditional political issues.

There are members of Parliament in both the Conservative and Opposition Labour parties who intend to oppose the scheme as being morally wrong.—China Mail Special.

Taipei In 'UN' 'Embarrassing'

Ottawa, Apr. 17.
The external affairs minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said today Canadian representatives "made a reference" at the White Sulphur Springs American summit conference to the "growing embarrassment and difficulties" of many countries, which recognise Communist China, about the continuing membership of the Nationalists in the United Nations.

The opposition leader, Mr John Coldwell, then asked in

the Parliamentary External Affairs Committee whether Canada was one of these embarrassed countries.

Mr Pearson replied that Canada did not recognise the Peking Government.

He also said that at the White Sulphur Springs meeting last month there was no dispute or anything approaching ill feeling on the subject of recognition of Communist China.—Reuter.

BIG RIOT IN ADEN: 30 HELD

From COLIN LAWSON

Aden, Apr. 17.
Armed police charged 1,000 screaming, shouting, boulder-throwing Arabs in an outbreak of rioting today. Tear-gas bombs were thrown before the mob was broken up.

In the Arab quarter, truncheons were used to scatter hundreds of Arabs stoning buses full of passengers. "Strike against the British" was the cry. Police arrested 30. The riot took government officials by surprise. They thought all was quiet following a wave of strikes recently, which the government is insisting are entirely economic but which local businessmen say are politically inspired.

Supporting Nasser

A year ago there were no trade unions or leaders. Now there are 17 welded into an Aden Trade Union Congress which takes orders from the United National Front, a new political party strongly left-wing and supporting Egypt's Col. Nasser.

Inquiries show that cash to organise and foment industrial trouble comes from Saudi Arabia, which also is reported to be helping big gun-running which has been taking place.

British-offered parols are now reaching the desert for armed bandits, but the Arabs grin, "desert's too big." The theory that the trouble is economic is too simple. British employers are paying two and a half time more for skilled labour than Arab employers.

Businessmen, with a life-time experience of Aden say grimly: "Aden is the last cornerstone of British power in the Middle East. Some firm action must be taken, otherwise any gain can only be temporary."—London Express Service.

Assassination 'Bid'

Santiago, Apr. 17.
Senora Maria de la Cruz, former dictator Juan Piron's greatest ally in Chile, escaped assassination today, when a bomb exploded less than 10 feet from the door of her home just as she was entering it.—United Press.

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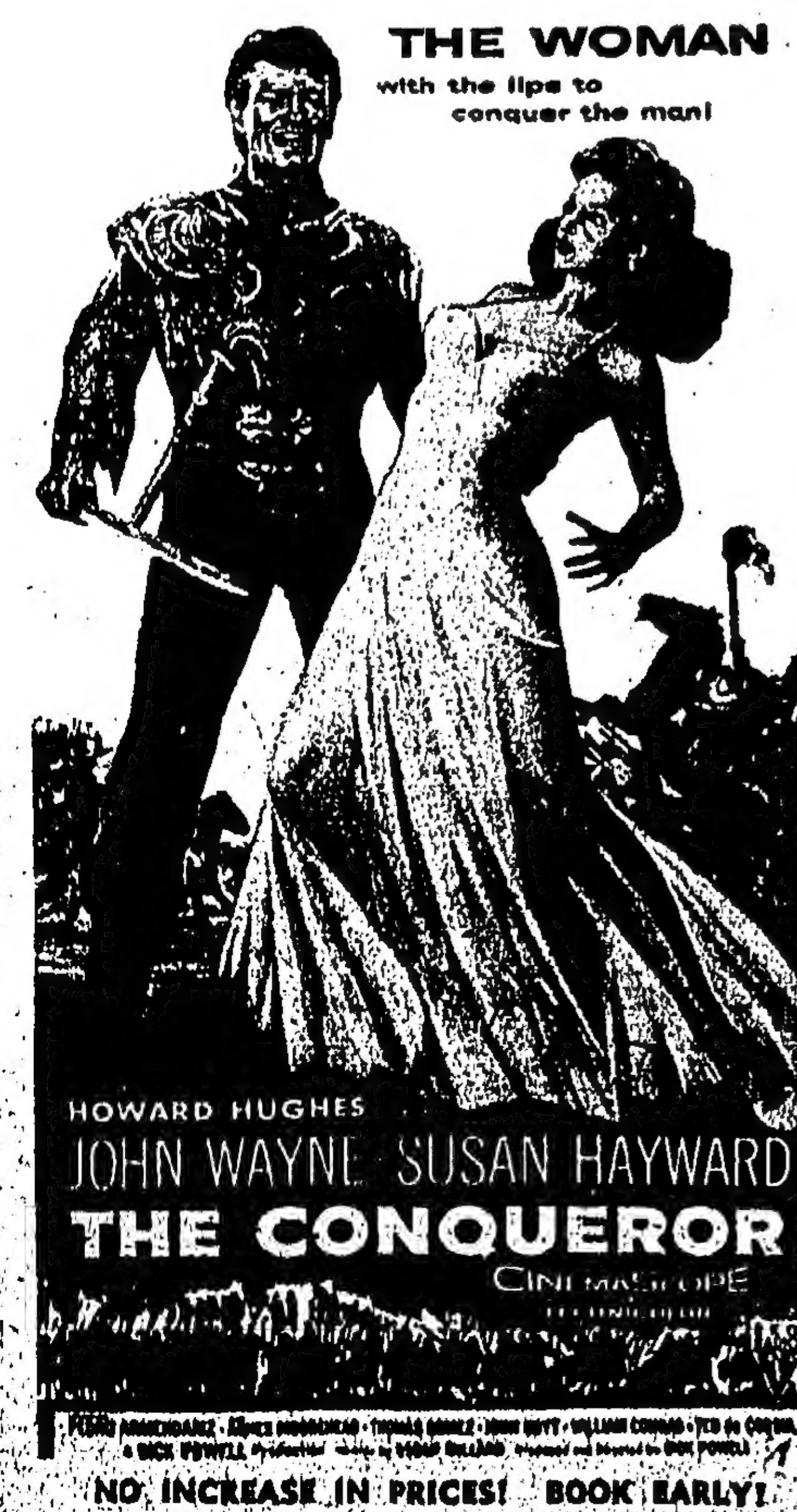
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US ALLIES HARBOUR DOUBTS

Firm Resolve Has Been Replaced Says Radford

Washington, Apr. 17.
Adm. Arthur W. Radford said today that "doubt and confusion" have replaced firm resolve among some US allies.

ARMS PROTEST

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Egypt formally protested to France today about the supply of French arms to Israel, official sources said today.
Deputy Foreign Minister Khayrat said summoned French Ambassador Count Armand Duchayla to his office this afternoon to deliver the protest note.
Egypt's protest came after a delivery of 12 French Mystere jet fighters to Israel.—United Press.

10,000 YOUTHS CONVICTED EACH YEAR

Tokyo, Apr. 17.
More than 10,000 European youths were convicted in South African courts every year, of whom about 2,000 were found guilty of serious offences and an average of 600 gaoled, Dr Graham C. B. Bain, of Cape-town, an expert on the problem of juvenile delinquency, told a conference here.

In 1945, the number of European male juveniles under the age of 20 years who were convicted of offences was 4,989, said Dr Bain. The figure had increased every year. In 1953, the total was 9,679, an increase of about 60 per cent.

In the 17-20 age group the rate had increased from 45.0 per cent of the age group in 1945 to 86.6 per cent in 1953—an increase of about 90 per cent.
Dr Bain said that the increase in serious offences had been most significant in the 14-17 year age group. This had increased by 44 per cent, against an increase of 12 per cent for the 17-20 age group. — China Mail Special.

Strain Of Job Wins Compensation

Sydney, Apr. 17.
Employees with high blood pressure can obtain workers' compensation if the strain of their employment worsens their condition and renders them incapable of working.
This decision was handed down in Workers' Compensation Court here recently when a retired woman public servant claimed that her work had caused nervous tension, emotional strain, stress and worry.
Judge Wall awarded the claimant £48 10s a week from November 1953 until her incapacitation ended.
Her employer—the Workers' Compensation Commission.—China Mail Special.

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The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said this results from success of the Communists' new olive branch tactics and a "less dynamic approach" by this country in its foreign aid programme.

Serious Problems

Adm. Radford, in a prepared statement for a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged approval of President Eisenhower's \$4.0 billion aid request as "our best instrument" for sustaining collective strength of the free world.

"As you may know I have recently made a trip around the world," Adm. Radford said, "I found a number of serious problems. In the year that has passed since I was last in those countries there has been in some of them a subtle but perceptible change in atmosphere."

Dynamic Approach

"In some cases doubt and confusion have replaced a firm resolve. I attribute this situation to a two-fold influence; first the success of the latest Communist tactics, and second, a less dynamic approach by the United States in the same areas."

Adm. Radford did not detail the failings referred to on the part of this country. However, he said the President's proposed changes in the foreign aid law would give "greater flexibility" and allow a "more dynamic approach." — United Press.

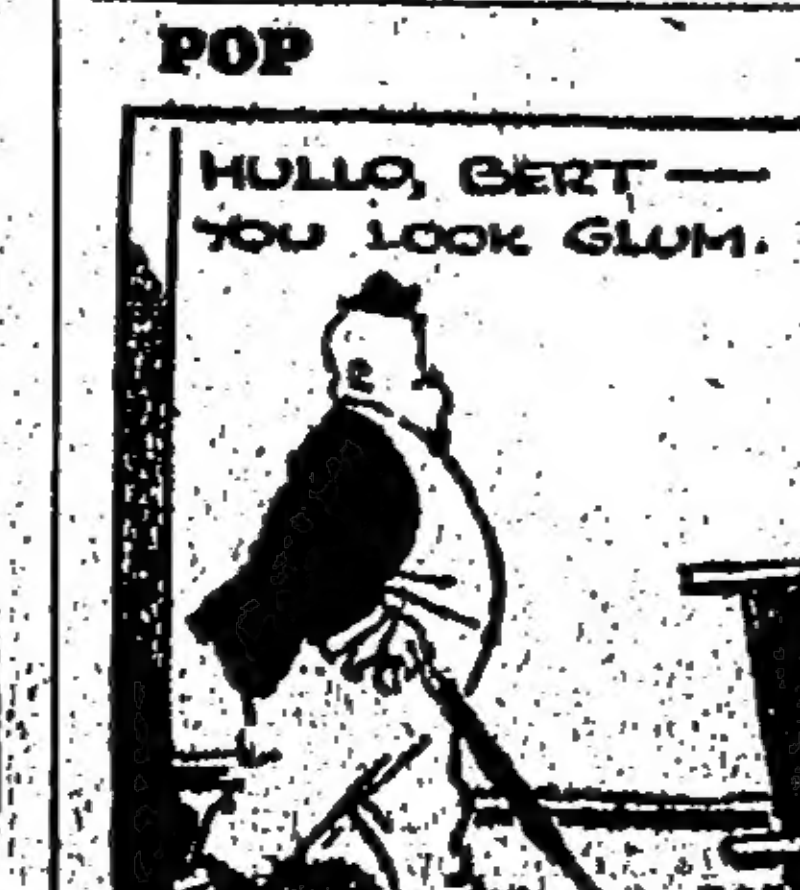
Danish 'Speakeasies' Flourish

Copenhagen, Apr. 17.
Danish restaurateurs are complaining that the high taxation levied on all forms of alcohol consumed in public is causing the development of Danish "speakeasies."

Mr Julius Jensen, writing in the trade publication Restauratøren, said: "People will not pay the prices and so go to illicit drinkshops or they hire places where they can consume spirits without paying the extra tax."
The high rate of the consumption tax, bringing the price of a bottle of beer up to three to four times the cost in an off licence, it is blamed for financial difficulties felt by many restaurants here.—China Mail Special.

Russo-Egyptian Agreement

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Russia and Egypt today signed a one million pound (about £1,000,000 sterling) barter-trade agreement, it was announced here.
Russia will supply Egypt with 100,000 tons of kerosene against Egyptian products under the agreement.
It was signed by the Soviet Commercial Counsellor, Mr Serge Nikitin, and the Egyptian Commerce Minister, Mr Abu Nosser.
This follows an announcement here yesterday that Egypt and China had agreed to consolidate and expand their trade with each other.—Reuter.



Grace Kelly and her royal fiancé, Prince Rainier of Monaco pictured immediately after Miss Kelly had stepped ashore from the Prince's yacht at Monte Carlo on her arrival from New York for her wedding.—United Press Photo.

CEYLON TO NATIONALISE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Colombo, Apr. 17.
Prime Minister S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike said today that state control over public transport will be the first step of his government's nationalisation programme.

Pledging that the Government would not be "stampeded into quick nationalisation projects without due consideration for all aspects of the question," Bandaranaike said that state control over transport was "long overdue."

A Millstone

He said he had decided on nationalisation of public transport already because it would bring "the biggest benefit to the biggest number. I have not worked out the details yet with the Cabinet but there is no question about the urgency of nationalisation of transport. It has been long overdue."

Mr Bandaranaike called the transport problem "a millstone around the neck of the average citizen for too long."

The parliamentary group of Mr Bandaranaike's Coalition announced it will ask the Premier to make arrangements for the traditional speech from the throne by the Governor-General at the opening of Parliament to be delivered in Sinhalese rather than English.

A member of the group said that if Governor-General Sir Oliver Goonatilake found it difficult to read Sinhalese, the speech could be written in Roman characters.

Out of Place

The group said it was in line with the Coalition's policy to conduct all official business in Sinhalese and that it would be

"out of place" if the Governor-General spoke in English.

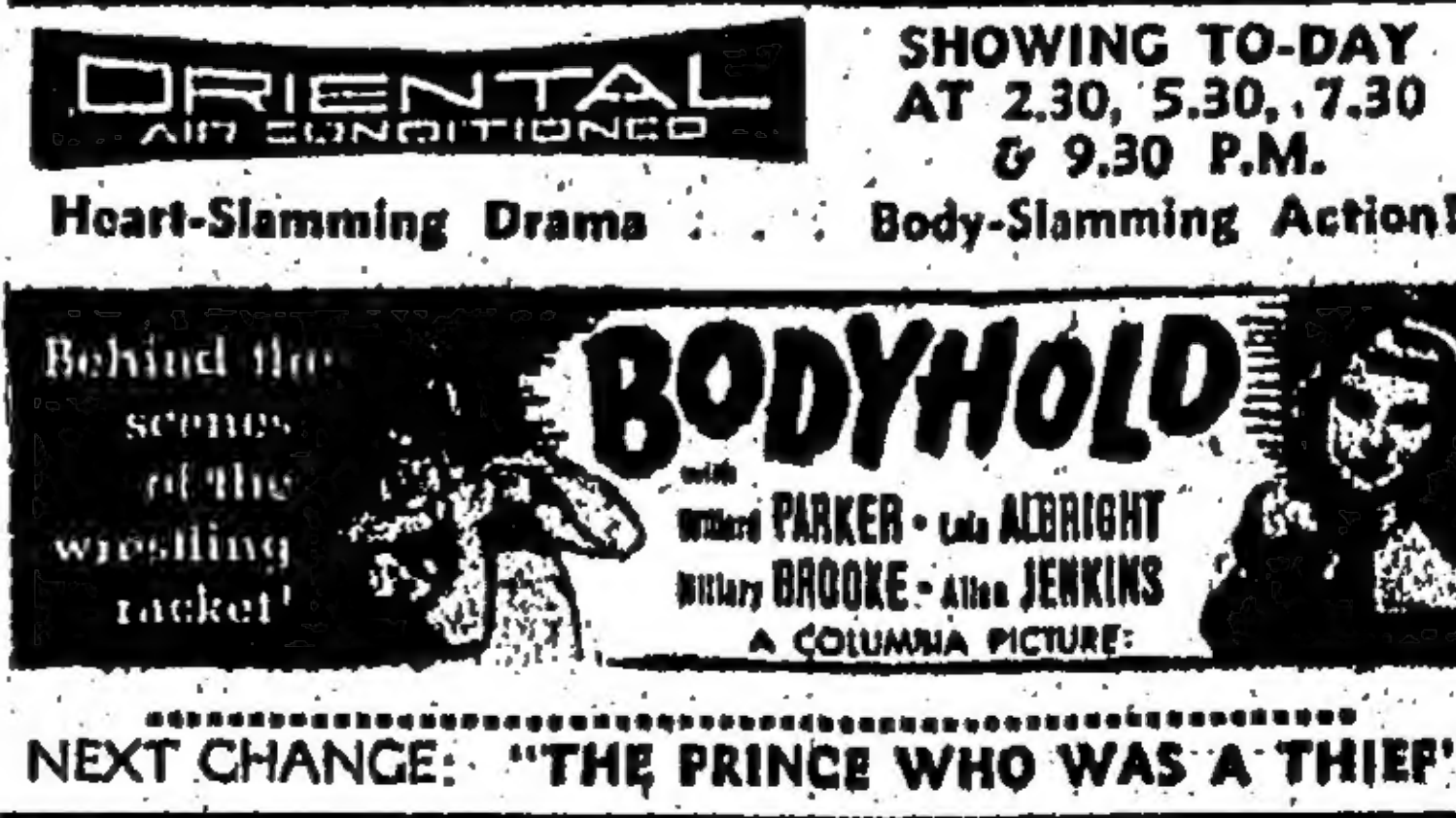
Further congratulations for Mr Bandaranaike's election victory came from Premier Phan Van-chung of North Vietnam who expressed hope that the ties between the two peoples would be consolidated. Mr Bandaranaike replied in similar vein.—United Press.

Americans Did Not Impress Courtesy Girl

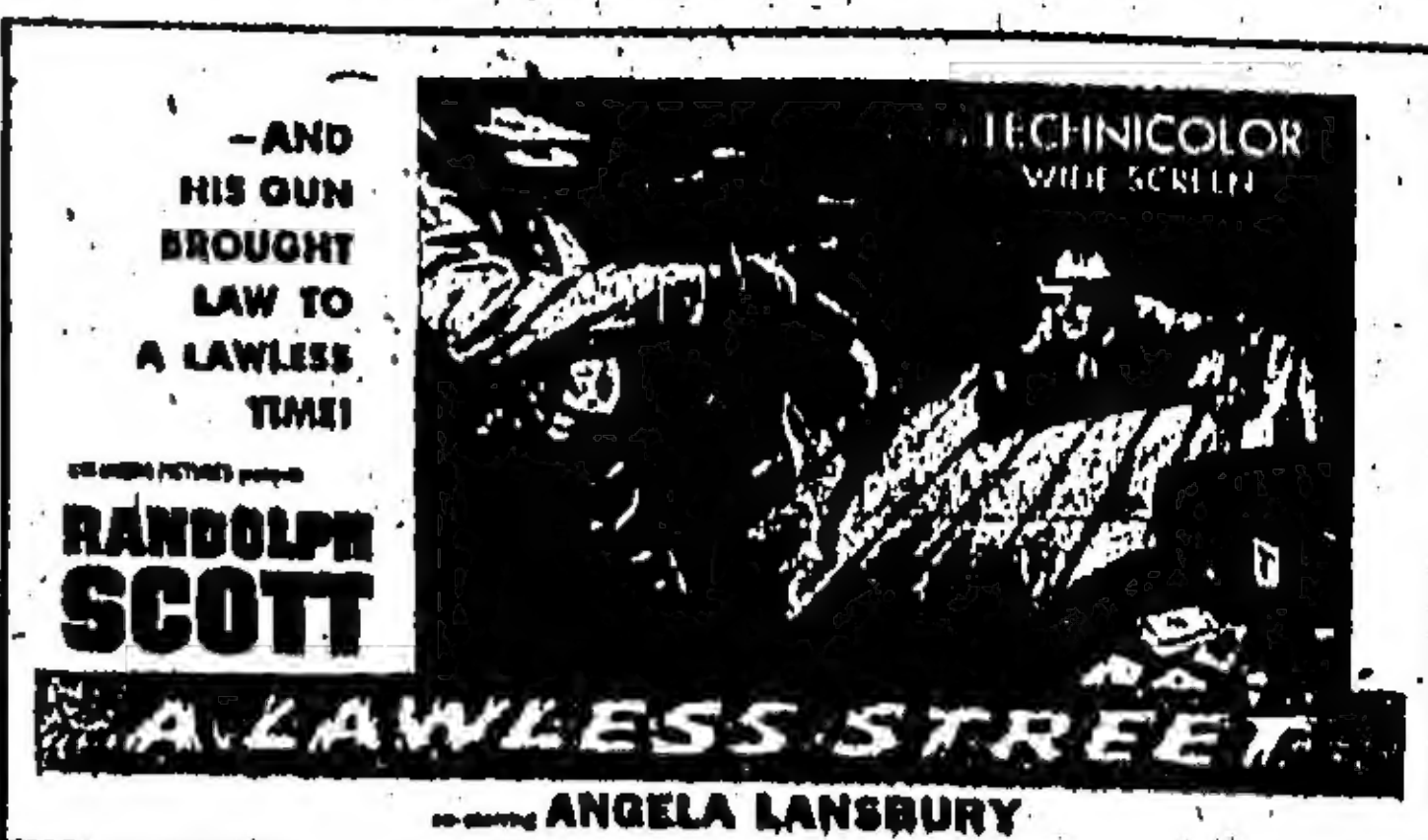
Cape-town, Apr. 17.
American women's clothes (good) and American men's manners (bad) are the two main impressions which South Africa's most courteous shop assistant, Miss Jill Sykes, of Durban has brought home from a holiday trip to the United States.

Her trip to the United States was her prize for winning the recent "Buy South-African" courtesy campaign for shop assistants.

"One of the main things that struck me about New York was its well-dressed and fashion-conscious women," she said.
"The men, on the other hand, tend to be sloppy. And their manners—I'm afraid American men didn't impress me a bit." — China Mail Special.



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CYPRUS NOT FOR UN

Washington, Apr. 17. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at his Press conference today rejected suggestions that Cyprus should be placed under the jurisdiction of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Mr. Dulles said that NATO had no legal title to assume the control of any territory. The Secretary of State recalled that the United Nations itself could not directly exercise its trusteeship over certain territories since it was not a supra-governmental organization. The trusteeships were entrusted by the United Nations to certain countries. In any case, Mr. Dulles said, it would not be practical to entrust the administration of Cyprus to a Council of 15 nations which could only act by unanimous decisions. — France-Press.

IMPARTIAL MEDICAL TESTIMONY

London, Apr. 17. The Lancet, a leading British medical journal, praised the new system of impartial medical testimony practised by the Supreme Court of New York State.

Discussing whether the system could be introduced in Britain, the Lancet said: "There can be little doubt that it would be of great value in the pre-trial stages."

"Although many actions arising out of physical injury are already settled before trial, the use of independent medical reports would provide a more satisfactory basis for settlements."

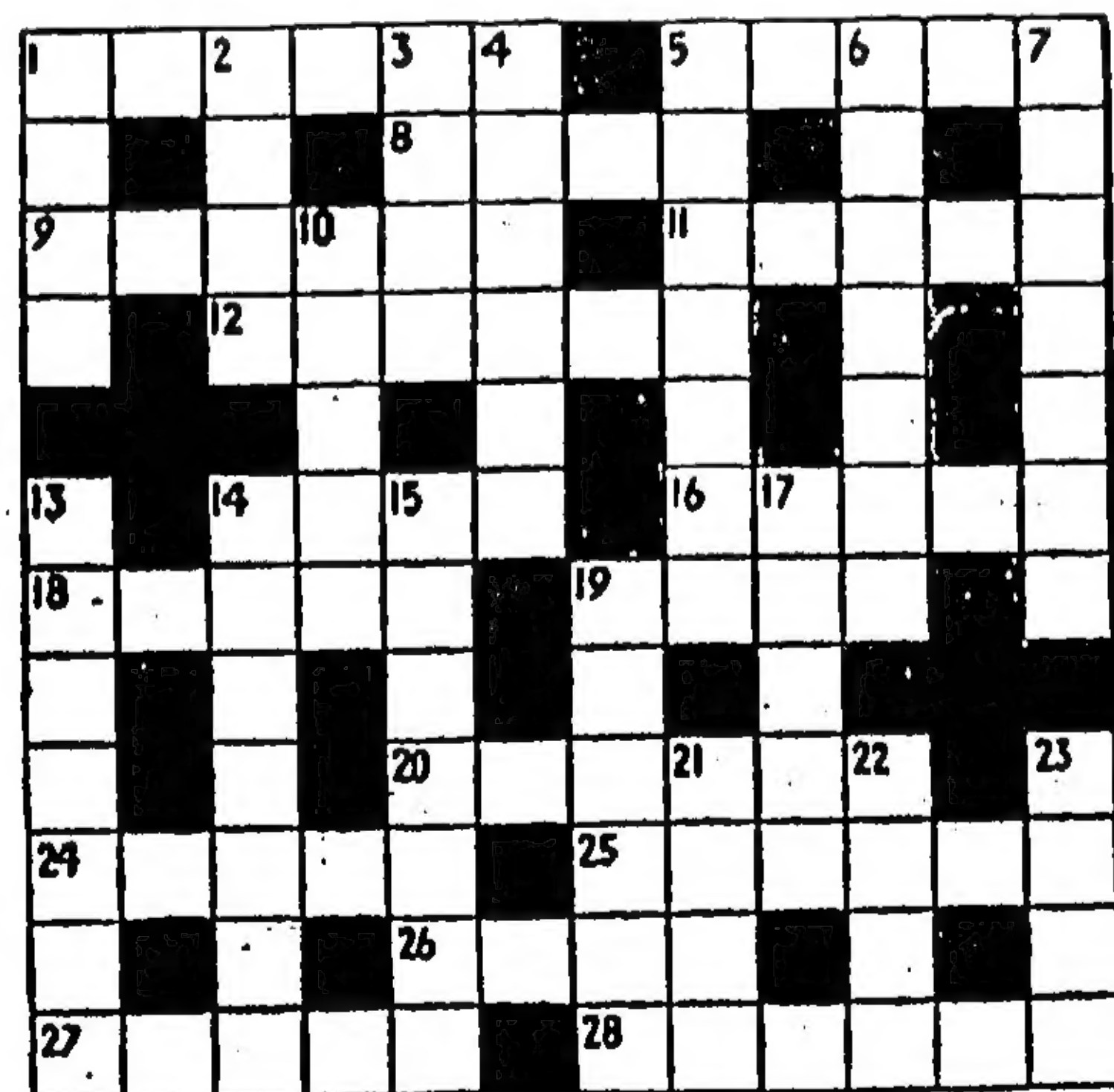
NORMAL METHOD

The Lancet was commenting on a report on the New York system by a committee of the New York Bar Association.

The journal explained that the normal method in both Britain and the United States, with a few exceptions, is for the opposing parties in a dispute to call their own medical witnesses. If they disagree, it is for the judge or jury to decide what evidence to accept.

Under the New York system, the judge may before a trial order the examination of an injured person by an impartial medical expert. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Kind of cement (6).
 - Marine mammal (5).
 - Curry (4).
 - Method (6).
 - Equipped (5).
 - Drink (6).
 - Strikes (4).
 - Endures (5).
 - Couple (5).
 - Resting places (4).
 - Dangers (5).
 - Impel (5).
 - Wait upon (6).
 - Building-land (4).
 - Numerical (5).
 - Come out (6).
- DOWN**
- Volume (4).
 - Grant (4).
 - Encourage (4).
 - Negligent (6).
 - Argue (7).
 - Without object (7).
 - Everlasting (7).
 - Subject (6).
 - Cut short (7).
 - Dividing into two (7).
 - Storm (5).
 - Grown-up (5).
 - Boiled (6).
 - Detail (4).
 - Prophet (4).
 - Brother (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Allot, 4. Grates, 5. Ballad, 10. Annual, 12. Ripped, 14. Malador, 17. Tern, 19. Centres, 20. Begs, 22. Hall, 23. Selects, 27. Serene, 29. Value, 30. Target, 31. Desert, 32. Shred. Down: 1. Album, 2. Inlet, 3. Eward, 5. Hoop, 6. Tender, 7. Salons, 9. Diocese, 11. Nettle, 13. Present, 15. Amo, 16. Angles, 18. Rest, 20. Braved, 21. Aides, 24. Loans, 25. Cigar, 26. Sided, 28. Rest.

Bold Russian Political Moves

TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH B AND K VISIT TO BRITAIN

By Stanley Priddle

London, Apr. 18.

Soviet Russia has made two bold political moves which are bound to have their impact on top level talks with Britain which begin this week.

By dissolving the international Communist agency, the Cominform, Russia has faced Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, with what appears to be a concession to the non-Communist world.

By restating her claim to play a role in maintaining peace in the Middle East, she has struck another blow at the 1950 declaration under which Britain, France and the United States assumed for themselves the right to halt aggression in that area.

Official Talks

Both developments came in the Soviet cruiser Ordzhonikidze approached British shores with Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, respectively Soviet Premier and Communist Party Secretary.

They will disembark at Portsmouth today at about 11.40 GMT and proceed to London where they will make their central visit, then, 10-day visit. At the insistence of Sir Anthony Eden, much of this time will be devoted to official talks.

The disbandment of the Cominform, originally a powerful coalition of all anti-European Communist states, was seen here as little more than a gesture. It has had little effect on the Russian policy in the Middle East, which has been quiet with Yugoslavia for years.

But the Middle East situation, calling for the maintenance of peace by the United Nations, without outside interference, clearly set the line that the Russians will take in their talks with Sir Anthony Eden.

Arms Shipments

The Prime Minister refused to anticipate the talks in the House of Commons yesterday, or even to say what subjects will be discussed. It is no secret, though, that the Middle East will be the key topic.

Sir Anthony has stated publicly that tension between Arab and Jew has been heightened by the shipment of Communist arms to Egypt. Authoritative sources say that in his blunt talk with the Russians he will attribute recent outbreaks of fighting to the same cause.

The Soviet leaders have shown less eagerness to talk than the British have. They have even complained that the official programme is too official, and prevents their meeting ordinary people.

World Problems

But they have given clear hints that having agreed to six long periods of talks, including 24 hours at the Prime Minister's country residence they will themselves have something to say on the table. They have emphasised their desire to develop trade and to take up the problem of world disarmament, now virtually bogged down in a United Nations sub-committee.

They may have some surprise, like a big trade offer. If it were turned down because it involved strategic goods, the Government here would be bound to face some criticism from the public and manifestly anxious for new markets.

The political talks will range over all world problems though the emphasis will be on Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

From the moment they step off the Ordzhonikidze the air of security that anyone can recall in Britain will surround the Soviet leaders.

Anti-Communists

Precautions have been introduced on an attempt was made to get into the London office of the Soviet news agency, and a monument to Karl Marx was destroyed with paint.

The incidents, while minor, underline the fact that some anti-Communists are ready to express themselves in action. — Reuter.

Bulgarian Government Reshuffle

Sofia, Apr. 17.

VUKKO Chervenkov, replaced as Bulgarian Premier today by Anton Yugov, was nominated a Vice-Premier in a government reshuffle approved by the Bulgarian National Assembly.

In the reshuffle, Gueorgui Chankov and Gueorgui Trankov were promoted to First Vice-Premiers.

Other changes in the reshuffle approved by the Bulgarian Assembly in Sofia today were: Vice-Premier Raiko Daninov to combine his post with the chairmanship of the State Committee for construction and architecture.

Karlo Lukanov, a former Vice-Premier, who has currently been ambassador to Moscow, is to regain his rank of Vice-Premier and will be Chairman of the State Committee for Labour and Salaries.

AMOUNT OF HARM

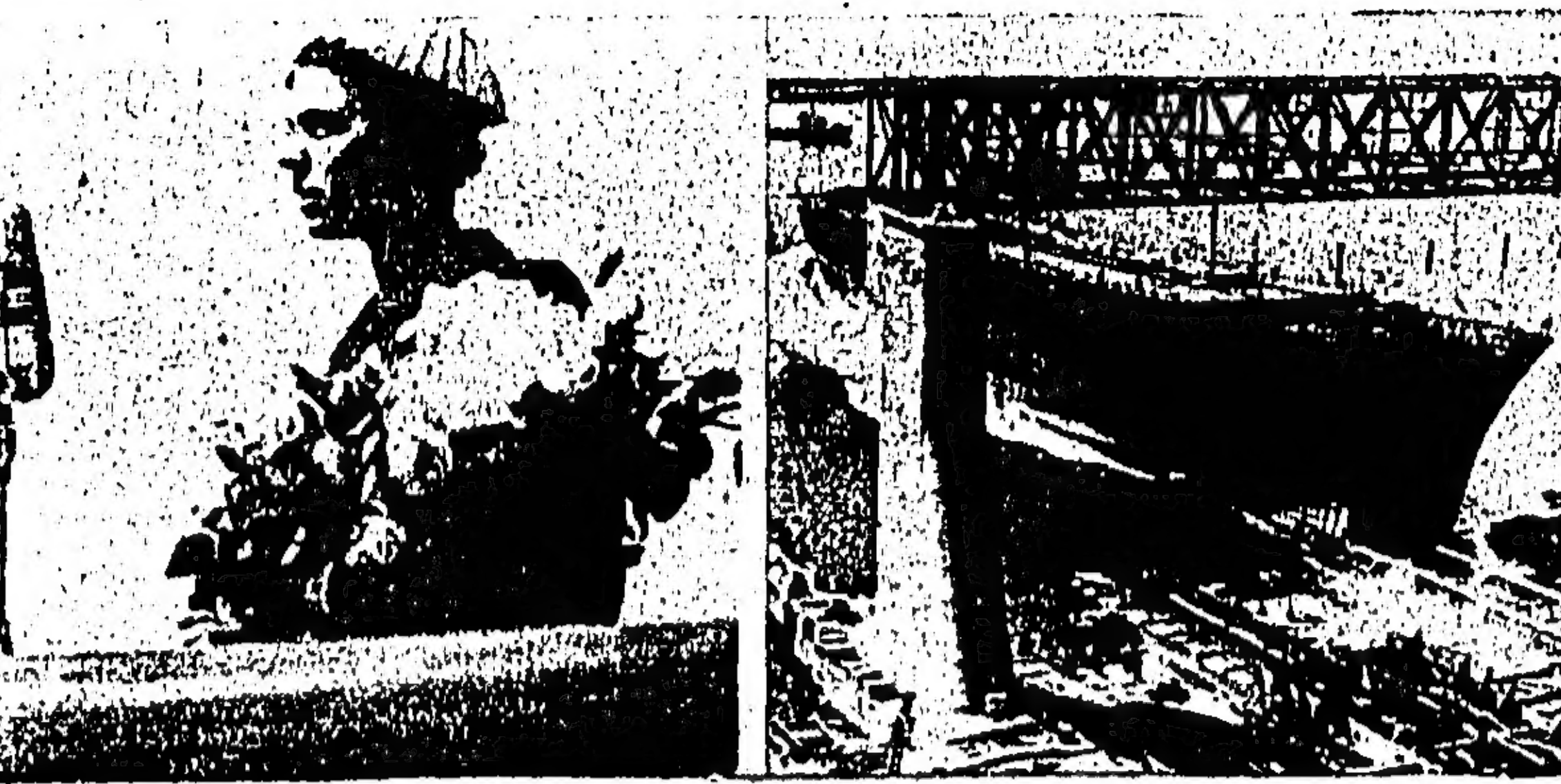
In his letter of resignation from the Premiership, accepted by the Assembly, Mr. Chervenkov said he had "permitted erroneous working methods, which had done a certain amount of harm to the functioning of the state."

The new Premier, Mr. Yugov, told the Assembly today that the achievements reached by the regime in Bulgaria would have been greater if the cult towards the personality of Chervenkov and faulty working methods had not found their way into Bulgarian political life during the past few years.

He said the Government's first task was to repair the damage done by these errors.

Premier Yugov said Bulgaria's foreign policy will remain one of peace and friendship with all countries far and near, based on alliance with the Socialist bloc and on Lenin's principles of peaceful co-existence. — France-Press.

Princess Launches New Liner



The new 25,000-ton Swedish liner Gripsholm was launched at Genoa recently by Princess Margaretha of Sweden. Picture left shows the Princess during the launching ceremony. Picture right is a general view of the new vessel sliding into the water. — Express Photo.

ANGLO-JAP STERLING PAYMENTS

London, Apr. 17.

Mr. Takio Oda, Minister at the Japanese Embassy here told reporters tonight that negotiations for the next Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement would be held in London towards the end of August.

He said that hitherto British and Japanese officials had been meeting regularly since early 1953 to discuss the new agreement to review the terms of the 1946 agreement. He said that the negotiations were of a long term nature.

Mr. Oda said that at the outset of the talks here both sides had suggested changes to the current sterling payments pact but later in the discussions had decided that it would be more appropriate to consider these when the new agreement is being negotiated.

OIL IMPORTS

Britain, for example, he added, had originally asked that Japan should increase its oil imports.

The minister said that he expected negotiations between the two countries for a trade and navigation treaty to begin in May but could not say whether these would be held here or in Tokyo as final arrangements were yet to be made. — Reuter.

Indonesia To Raise W. New Guinea Question

Djakarta, Apr. 17.

Premier Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo announced today that Indonesia intends to raise the issue of West New Guinea before the United Nations General Assembly for the third time.

He did not say, however, when the next move would be made, but indicated that it might be this year.

In an earlier statement in Parliament the Premier said that the struggle to include West New Guinea in the Republic would be continued.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo said that attention should be paid to the border between West New Guinea and Indonesia so that "the people of West New Guinea who still live under colonial domination can see the atmosphere of freedom in the Indonesian fatherland."

Indonesia has twice disputed the Netherlands claim to the area before the United Nations. — United Press.

AMERICAN PLAY OF THE YEAR

New York, Apr. 17.

The New York Drama Critics Circle voted tonight as the best American play of the 1955-56 season "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett.

The runner-up was "Inherit the Wind." The best foreign play was "Tiger at the Gates" with 14 votes, but in an adaptation by Christopher Y. C. Chang, play by Girardoux. — United Press.

Why Morocco Gained Her Independence

United Nations, Apr. 17.

Spanish Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo told a news conference today why Spain granted independence to Spanish Morocco.

Asked about Spanish policy in Morocco the Foreign Minister said that his Government had granted independence to that country because "the moment had occurred when the protectorate of Morocco had to end."

Been Guided

He referred to "past French errors in Morocco starting in 1953 when they expelled the Sultan of Morocco... and which the French Government had since had to rectify."

Explaining Spain's position he said "we have been guided in helping to establish the independence of Morocco by the principle of friendship with the Moroccan people and all the Arab people."

He said Spain also acted with a view to the security of that region which he called "a strategic region."

One reporter referred the Minister to a certain document concerning economic aid to the various Arab countries and also to "Jerusalem" and asked if it indicated that Spain accepts Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Not Familiar

Senor Artajo said that he was unfamiliar with any such document and then added: "The State of Israel has not had diplomatic relations with Spain since its inception because the representatives of Israel have shown an attitude of hostility towards us."

He said that this was true despite "the aid and help which Spain has given to Israel" at various times.

The Minister declined comment on both the Algerian and Goan questions on the grounds that it would not be correct for him to do so since Spain had no direct concern with either problem.

Spain Prepared

Asked about the possible re-establishment of a monarchy in Spain, the Minister said: "Spain is one of the few countries prepared for monarchy... I am a monarchist with France to re-establish the monarchy in such a way as France may desire." — United Press.

India Denies Border Troop Movements

Karachi, Apr. 17.

A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman said today that India had denied concentrating troops on the West Pakistan border but had admitted "some movement of troops for sending supplies to pikeets."

He said this was the Indian Government's reply to a recent Pakistan protest against a movement of Indian troops outside pikeet stations on the border.

Asked if Pakistan was satisfied the spokesman stated, "we decided to leave it at that." — Reuter.

Carmen Jones In England



The exciting American star of "Carmen Jones" arrived at London Airport last week. She is Dorothy Dandridge, who will be appearing in a season of cabaret at London's Savoy Hotel. — Central Press Photo.

UNESCO Officers Elected

New York, Apr. 17.

Mr. Hans Engen, Norway's permanent representative to the United Nations, was today elected by acclamation as new president of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESCO) to succeed Sir Douglas Copland, of Australia.

The Council also elected Mr. Jose Vicente Trujillo, of Ecuador, and Mr. Said Hassan, of Pakistan, as vice-presidents. — Reuter.

\$1 MILLION COULDN'T COAX NAT COLE TO ATLANTA

The negro singer, Nat King Cole, has called off a performance here tonight, saying he would not come to Atlanta "for a million dollars", a local promoter reported today.

The promoter, B. B. Beamon, quoted Cole as saying he was "afraid to come to Atlanta" because of its nearness to the scene of an assault on him by segregationists in Birmingham, Alabama.

Too Close

Cole was attacked on the steps of the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium during his performance before an all-white audience of 3,500 a week ago. Beamon said he had just returned from a visit to Cole at

Soviet Middle East Support Welcome With Reservation

Washington, Apr. 17.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, said today the United States would welcome the Soviet offer to support the United Nations in the Middle Eastern crisis if this offer turned out to be a response to President Eisenhower's appeal to all members of the UN.

Mr. Dulles, speaking at a Press conference, said he felt that the chances were not that there would be no war in the Middle East. But he added that it would be rash to say that there was no risk of hostilities in the area.

Great Importance

He said it was important to read the text of the Soviet declaration, dispatches reporting which had reached him only 15 minutes before the Press conference.

Mr. Dulles said the US attached great importance to the action of the United Nations in the Middle East. However, they did not lessen the importance of the three power declaration of May, 1950, on the Palestine question.

He said that in this declaration, the United States, France and Britain emphasized that they were acting in conformity with the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Dulles said it was still too early to envisage practical application of the American plan for solving the Arab-Israeli problem.

Practically Inactive

This plan, put forward by Mr. Dulles in a speech last August 26, called for a solution of the problem of Arab refugees from Palestine, and a guarantee of Israel's frontiers.

He suggested that it might be possible to reactivate a conciliation committee created in 1948, consisting of Turkey, France and the United States.

This committee had remained practically inactive, Mr. Dulles said. — France-Press.

New Evening Paper For Paris

Paris, Apr. 17.

A new tablet-style evening newspaper Le Temps de Paris, made its first appearance here today.

Its front page carried a large photograph of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier, five headlines and no news. The news stories following the headlines all appeared on inside pages.

The newspaper announced in its editorial that its task was "to inform and to inform quickly." It would reopen the "debate on ideas" on every subject, a traditional feature of French newspapers.

It published today a character analysis of Grace Kelly's handwriting. Le Temps de Paris is the 15th Paris evening newspaper. It is expected to take a moderate centre-right position on political issues. — Reuter.

Ceasefire Talks Continue

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, conferred with the Israeli Premier, Mr. David ben Gurion, for the second consecutive day today.

Mr. Hammarskjöld asked Major-General Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Army Chief of Staff, to join the talks.

An official Israeli spokesman said the three talked on "problems regarding full implementation of the armistice agreement" between Israel and the Arab powers.

The meeting, lasting three hours, followed a morning session at which Mr. Hammarskjöld and Mr. ben Gurion reviewed the general background of the Secretary-General's mission, the official spokesman said.

The spokesman said the talks were conducted "in a satisfactory and cordial atmosphere". Mr. Hammarskjöld will meet Mr. ben Gurion again tomorrow and is expected to stay in Israel for another three or four days. — United Press.

BASIS FOR TALKS

Moscow, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, said today Russia's new statement on the Middle East could serve as a basis for talks between the Soviet leaders and Sir Anthony Eden.

Mr. Molotov was answering correspondents' questions at an independence day reception at the Syrian Embassy in Moscow, which he attended with Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, a Soviet Deputy Premier.

Mr. Molotov described the statement on the Middle East as "one more step in the direction of establishing peace in the Middle East."

Asked if there should be co-operation between Governments to settle the Middle East problem within the United Nations or outside the organisation, the Soviet Foreign Minister replied: "It makes no difference where the settlement is reached."

ARMS EMBARGO

Both Mr. Molotov and Mr. Mikoyan brushed aside questions by correspondents who asked whether arms shipments to the two sides in the Middle East should be stopped or rigidly controlled in view of the suggestion in the Soviet statement that no steps should be taken to aggravate the situation.

The Soviet leaders laughingly declined to discuss this question. A London report quoting Cairo Radio said Russian arms were on show for the first time in Syria today during a military parade in Damascus marking Syria's national day. — Reuter.

China's Envoy To India

New Delhi, Apr. 17.

Mr. Fan Zai-li, China's new Ambassador to India, today presented his credentials to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India.

He told the President that the growing friendship between India and China had "promoted the noble cause of world peace in Asia and the world."

Mr. Fan said he had just returned from a visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese Government. He said he had met the Chinese Premier, Mr. Zhou Enlai, and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Qiao Guoshui, and had discussed the friendly relations between India and China.

TODAY'S FORECAST: RAINIER FOR GRACE

AND A COLD WIND BLOWS

From SAM WHITE

Monte Carlo. LL is not well in Monte Carlo on the eve of Prince Rainier's wedding to film star Grace Kelly. This is a pity: it would be pleasant to report the occasion in a more appropriate manner, yet the fact remains that the atmosphere here among palace officials is as chilly as the weather.

The chill set in with Prince Rainier's return from America. Almost immediately he reverted, from the smiling, approachable young Prince of his American tour, to the unapproachable, unpredictable autocrat his ministers and advisers know so well.

He had scarcely departed when he quivered with his only really close adviser, his American chaplain, Father Tucker, who has figured so prominently in his romance with Miss Kelly.

UNREAD?

The quiver has not held, and Father Tucker has not seen the Prince since their return to the principality.

This blow has shattered the normally jovial chaplain greatly. He has been the only person in the Prince's entourage who has never quarrelled with his master, who saw him daily, and whose influence has been considerable. Now that he is not seeing the Prince, the necessary liaison between the Prince and his officials has been removed.

Ministers who hitherto sought to influence the Prince by having a word with Father Tucker are now reduced to writing enormous fulsome highly stylized petitions which go unanswered and are probably unread.

Meanwhile Rainier remains shut up in his palace, leaving it only on very rare occasions. It is not fully realised abroad to what extent Rainier is a complete autocrat: he can ruin a man's career in Monaco and even revoke his Monegasque citizenship by a stroke of the pen. This power, which inspires considerable fear among his officials, is combined with an extremely suspicious and shy nature.

Has Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer carved out something of a new empire for itself with Miss Kelly's marriage to Rainier? It is an intriguing question. While Rainier was in America some of his Ministers opened negotiations with a Paris bank to finance a colour film of the marriage.

REASON

When the prince returned he killed this deal. The reason Rainier gave was "his."

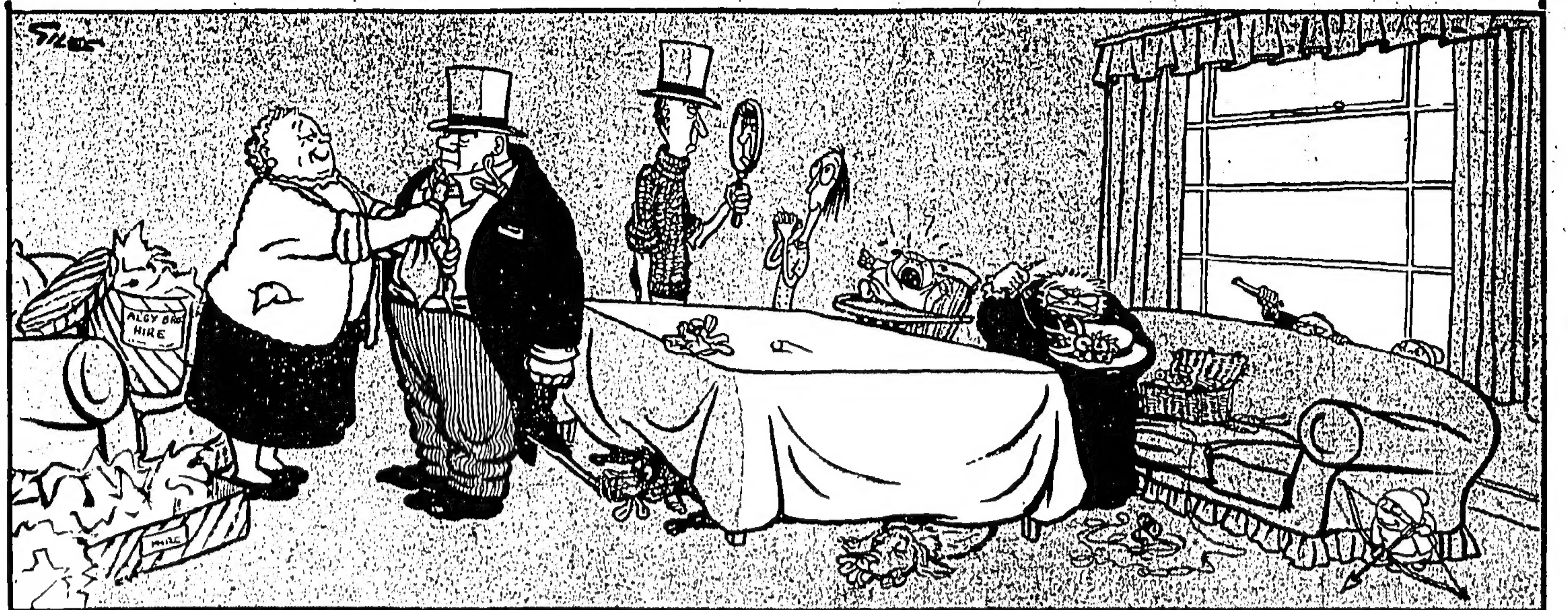
While in the United States he said he had been approached by MGM officials, who had pointed out to him that Miss Kelly's contract still had four years to run. While not wishing to be "coughed about this," they pointed out a possible way in which Miss Kelly's obligations to the company could be squared with her proposed early retirement from the screen.

MGM proposed therefore that they should be given the exclusive rights to make the 30-minute colour film of the wedding. They also pointed out that he could coincide they had almost completed a full version of the life of Miss Kelly, and all they needed for a final happy fade out were some shots of the wedding.

It is this which is behind the terrible row which has broken out between the U.S. television companies and the palace.

U.S. television cameras will not be allowed to photograph either the religious or civil ceremony. With the facilities so allocated them, they will be able to make films of only two or three minutes' duration.

Well, we're just about all set to go by Giles



"Grace Kelly's got one thing at her wedding I'm glad I didn't have at mine—you in a top-hat."

London Express Service

THESE TEDDY BOYS NEED OPERATION RESCUE

... and the task is one for their parents



He made the mistake of fighting with his fists

LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD is one of the longest streets in London. It winds northwards from Stratford, East, for nearly four miles, passing innumerable small shops and cafes—and occasionally a dazzlingly-lit furniture store—on its rather dispirited way.

It occurred to me that I was going to have some difficulty discovering which of the shops it was that sold razor-sharp daggers to Teddy Boys.

One of these daggers, bought in Leytonstone High Road, had killed a man. It had been plunged into him in the East End, and the police found him, dying, huddled against a wall, where his Teddy Boy assailant had dragged him.

He had made the mistake of fighting with his fists. The judge, Mr Justice Barry, read a note from the jury as he gauged the youthful killers for manslaughter: "We find knives such as that used in this killing serve no useful purpose and ought not to be sold to the general public."

I wanted to discuss with the gentleman who had sold the knife what he thought of this proposition.

An elderly man walked by. "Excuse me," I said, "do you happen to know the shop that sells daggers?"

A dagger

He gave me detailed directions. In five minutes I was inside the rather decrepit establishment that had supplied many teenagers with their lethal equipment.

"Do you sell knives?" I asked the proprietor.

"Penknives?" he asked, and pointed to an array of them on the counter.

"No," I said, with an encouraging smile. "The sort you kill people with."

"Daggers? We have plenty of them in the window."

"No," I said. "Not that kind. Flick knives, the grass-button type that flash open."

"Ah, yes," said the proprietor. "We used to do a great trade in those at 21s. 6d. a time. To Teddy Boys, mostly."

"Come from Italy, the knives. Very strong, until the springs went. Lots of Teddy Boys came back and asked me to get them repaired, but I couldn't help."

The talkative proprietor got to the point. "I don't sell them any more. The police came to see me after someone had been killed with one of them."

"It wasn't bought in my shop of course, but when the policeman said, 'I wouldn't sell those if I were you,' I decided to give up that particular line."

I looked disappointed. "I wanted it for my son," I said. "How much are the daggers in the window?"

"They're not so good as the Italian knives. Too brittle. I tell you what—we were obviously on good terms already. 'I'll just have a look in case I have a flick knife left in stock.'"

He had not. I am glad to report. And I am sure Leytonstone is pleased that he never

Concluding the inquiry into LONDON'S TEDDY BOYS by ROBERT J. EDWARDS

will again. For while an evil-minded Teddy Boy can always insert a razor in a potato, or sharpen the edge of a bicycle chain and slip that into his pocket, the open sale of murderous instruments is an obvious temptation to less obvious, but equally exhibitionist, Edwardians.

One of the two Teddy Boys gauged for manslaughter issued an appeal from prison based on his own—and his victim's—experience. "Don't carry daggers," he advised his friends in the outside world.

The law should insist, don't sell them either.

But no law will destroy the roots of Teddy Boy hooliganism. These lie, I am convinced, in the home. The fact is that much

more often than not, the parents are to blame.

"Lack of parents' influence." That, above all, is what breeds Teddy Boys, said nearly every teacher, club leader, parson and magistrate I met.

Lack of parents, they might have said. It is quite common for schoolchildren, when their parents both work, to wear the keys to their front door on a string around their necks.

Then they can let themselves in when they come home from school—and let themselves in late at night after their parents have gone to bed.

Life-line

Said Mr Harry Moore, superintendent of a South London youth club, "The club closes at 10 o'clock. Yet girls of school age are still hanging around outside at 11.20 p.m., surely the parents should tell them it's not right for them to be outside at that time of night?"

It is argued that the parents are simply victims of their environment. But that lets them off too lightly. Mr Moore is a product of the same environment. So are many fine people whose children are properly cared for.

What the neglected children and Teddy Boy teenagers need is an Operation Rescue from their parents.

The first life-line that should be thrown is a better education. I imagine that the London County Councils are not satisfied with the secondary—as distinct from grammar and technical—education they provide at many of their schools. If they are, they should be sacked.

Second, more Londoners should concern themselves with providing first-class clubs for teenagers. They roam the streets because they have

nowhere else to go." How after I heard that!

The Teenage Canteen at the Elephant and Castle, well equipped in contemporary style, is packed nearly every night. Though run by the Dulwich College Mission, no one would guess that from the decor and the juke box.

Unlike too many religious-inspired youth clubs, it doesn't blast its message. That is the secret, I think, of its success.

Somehow, too, more playing fields must be found. The Rev. Ronald Marshall, warden of the splendid Bermondsey Settlement, bought football boots and equipped an entire team of Teddy Boys—he did this, incidentally, after some other Teddy Boys had actually drawn knives on him at the settlement.

Career jobs

These are palliatives, not a cure. Some people say conscription—or, rather, the prospect of it—is the cure. In the case of Teddy Boys, who seldom pursue career jobs, I doubt it. And certainly the enforced removal from their homes and back streets is a great boon for them (and for everybody else, too).

Of course, Teddy Boy clothes will die out. Already in Islington, which leads the fashion in these things, Edwardian wear is giving way to booties and blue or grey duffle coats; and a serious fracas has occurred because one boy charged another with being "a Teddy."

But the underlying problem will remain until fathers and mothers can be taught to do their job. That is the lesson of the Teddy Boy. And the challenge.

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THE FLAG TO BORNEO
NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Rainier is the Queen's 15th Cousin

by PATRICK MONTAGUE-SMITH
Assistant Editor of "Debrett"

THE Queen and Prince Rainier of Monaco are related. Fifteenth cousins to be precise.

To see exactly how—study the table below. See how it traces Rainier's descent from Henry VII, first King of the House of Tudor.

Since Henry VIII's line finished with his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, succession to the throne passed through his eldest sister, Margaret, Queen of Scotland, ancestress of the Queen.

His younger sister Mary, Queen of France, made a second love match with Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, and by him became Rainier's ancestress.

All rulers of European States can trace their descent back to Henry VII. Consequently, Rainier is also a distant relative of the kings of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, and Greece, the Queen of the Netherlands, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, and the reigning Prince of Liechtenstein.

The sovereign House of Monaco descends from Obert Grimaldi, Prince of Monaco, in 1197, who was sent on a mission by the Emperor Frederick to induce Richard I of England to join in the Third Crusade.

HENRY VII, 1485-1509	ELIZABETH OF YORK
Margaret, Queen of Scotland.	Mary, Queen of France (by her second husband, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk).
James V, King of Scotland.	Lady Eleanor Brandon, m. 2nd Earl of Cumberland, d. 1547.
Mary, Queen of Scots.	Lady Margaret Clifford, m. 4th Earl of Derby.
James I, 1603-1625.	William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby, d. 1642.
Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia.	James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby.
Sophia, Electress of Hanover.	Lady Amelia Stanley, m. 1st Marquis of Atholl.
George I, 1714-1727.	Charles Murray, 1st Earl of Dunmore, d. 1710.
George II, 1727-1760.	Lady Anne Murray, m. 6th Earl of Dundonald.
Frederick, Prince of Wales.	Lady Catherine Cochrane, m. 6th Earl of Galloway.
George III, 1760-1820.	Lady Harriet Stewart, m. 9th Duke of Hamilton.
Edward, Duke of Kent.	Alexander Hamilton, 10th Duke of Hamilton.
Queen Victoria, 1837-1901.	William Hamilton, 11th Duke of Hamilton, d. 1803.
Edward VII, 1901-1910.	Lady Mary Victoria Hamilton, m. Albert I, Prince of Monaco.
George V, 1910-1936.	Louis II, Prince of Monaco, d. 1849.
George VI, 1936-1952.	Princess Charlotte, Duchess of Valdeuil, m. Prince Pierre (Count of Polignac).

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This Funny World



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

TEARS welled unbidden to my eye when I read of the "rude" litter bins with timber facings, which will

"blend with the landscape." They will blend particularly with the battered pylons and rose-tinted aerial masts.

Each rustic bin should have an aged yoke in a snook in charge of it, who would drive the full bins a farm-cart to the nearest clearing station, where reception hostesses dressed as milkmaids would empty them. During the emptying a record of "Joan to the Maypole" would be played. Then away with us all in "the Old Lady Bins" for a pint of Frodo. There might even be an annual Litter Carnival, where villagers in Planolnet costume would pelt each other with cartons of bus tickets and paper bags.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Echo Play Has Exception

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN a defender leads a winning card, his partner is supposed to signal encouragement or discouragement. The partner drops a higher card than necessary to encourage and drops the lowest possible card to discourage a continuation.

There are exceptions to all rules in bridge, and the rule has been stated only for the purpose of showing an exception.

West opened the seven of diamonds, and East won with the ace. South dropped the queen, and East had no trouble in reading South for the king.

East looked at the dummy's strong trumps and clubs and decided that spades offered the only hope. He led the ace of spades at the second trick.

West dropped the deuce of spades on this trick because he couldn't be sure that it was safe to signal with the king or queen. Such signals have been known to cost a trick.

East looked long and pessimistically at the deuce of spades and shifted once more, back to

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AKJ75			
WEST			
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EAST			
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SOUTH			
108			
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04			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1	1	1	Pass
2	Pass	3	Pass
4	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦7			

diamonds this time. Thereupon South drew trumps and got rid of a spade on dummy's jack of diamonds. South made game and rubber; mentally crediting East with an ace.

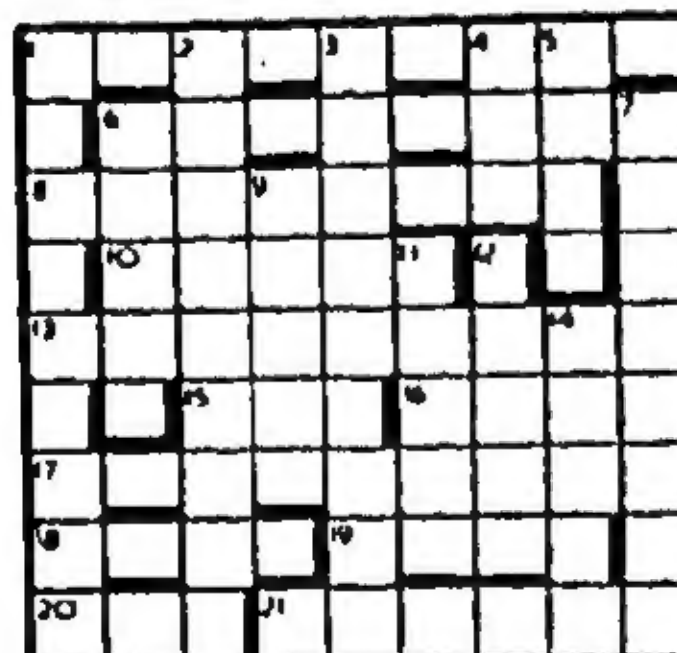
It should have been clear to East that only a spade continuation offered any hope, deuce or no deuce. West would properly play the deuce of spades from K-Q-2, or from K-10-2, and it would still be proper for East to make allowance for the possibility that his partner couldn't afford a signalling play. A spade continuation would defeat the contract.

♥+CARD Sense♦

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1NT Pass 7 You, South, hold: 47 5322 Q108432 453 What do you do? A—Bid two diamonds. Your hand might be worthless at no-trump but will take four or five tricks at diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: 47 5322 QKJ432 453 What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across
1. It smoothes things down after the party has been made (6)
6. Schoolboy traitors rampant (10)
8. Colour of the pill snob (8)
10. Take care. (10)
11. Criterion for American gardeners (4-5)
12. To me French sounds like a (10)
13. O. do in taxi (anag.) (9)
14. Cool this is a (10)
15. This and this is a well-matched race (20)
21. Marlene (8)

Down
1. Markets for Christmas greenery? (9)
2. This turns everything up. (10)
3. The mind has something to do on here. (4-5)
4. Employ (9)
5. an employer makes certain (4)
6. Imp may be his (10)
7. Perks. (8)
8. Beat is this but the melody differs on. (10)
9. Condition of part of the U.S. (10)
10. One thousand, one hundred and one, repeated with a pun (10)
11. For a car (10)
12. Something to the (8)
13. Tomorrow's nation (10)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

BORN today, you have such keen intuitions that at times it almost becomes second night. If you always follow your hunches rather than swerving for other, more slow and deliberate minds to decide for you, then you will be a jump or two ahead of your nearest competitor. Some people may call it luck. Actually, it is your special gift from the stars.

Your interests and talents lie mainly in the realm of the arts, be they literary, musical or dramatic—quite possibly a combination of all three. It is likely that you will be drawn to the stage in one form or another, either as an actor, writer or even a producer. Although it would go into business, you will discover that you have a natural talent for making money. You seem to know when something is good and are able to spot success long before others can see the possibilities of a project. Here again, your instinctive judgment comes to your rescue. What looks like a good guess is

that old hunch working overtime for you.

You are not as careful with detailed work as you might be and, unless you have a copy of people to carry out your plans to the letter, you may need to do some of the housework yourself. Your emotions are not as steady as they might be and you of the fair sex—since you are attractive—are considered rather fickle and sometimes heartless heartbreakers. Yet, once you have made your choice of a mate, there is no one more devoted and loyal than you.

Among those born on this date are: Richard Harding Davis, author; Clarence Darrow, noted defense attorney; Booker T. Washington, educator; Austin String, dramatist; Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate; Wendy Barrie, actress; and John Young Mason, statesman.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—There still are deceptive elements in the air, but if you are perceptive, you can spot them.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—This can be a relaxing day for you, with the emphasis on pleasure. Even romance if you are seeking it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You may be adventuresome now if you want to. The stars are smiling and almost anything will work out right.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Although things may appear calm on the surface, there are disruptive elements underneath.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't delude yourself into thinking everything is fine and dandy! Keep a sharp eye out for the possible flaw.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Protect your own interests, but in doing so you also may be able to help someone else. Show cooperation.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There may be some double-talk around about, but if you are astute, you can see through it clearly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—An active day in which your career can be advanced, especially if you are in retail selling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't be fooled by something that shines like gold! Be sure that it is before you run after it.

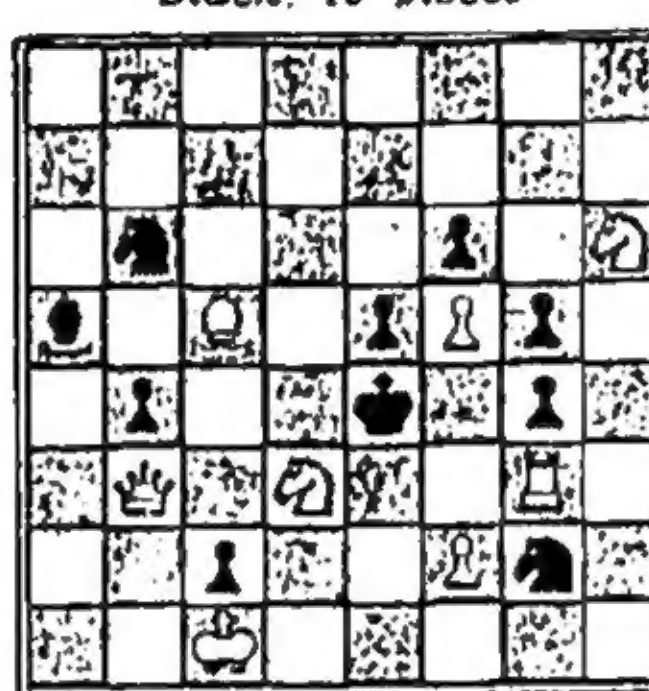
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You can take a chance on something adventuresome today. The stars are smiling on your prospects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be sure that you examine all the facts of any proposition offered to you at this time before you accept.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If you are calm and collected, no matter what happens unexpectedly, you will be all right.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. A. KOETSHEID
Black, 8 pieces



White, 8 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. P. any, 2. Q. R, B. Kt, or P. mates.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Truly Magical Home

—But What Other Kind Would a Magician Have?—

By MAX TRELL

MR MERLIN, the Magnificent Magician, lived behind the bookcase. He had his own house there which is not at all a strange place for a magician to live.

To get to his house, you had to make yourself very thin. Then, when you finally got behind the bookshelves, you found yourself in a dark sort of place which little by little seemed to grow lighter. All the backs of the books looked like little houses with gardens and greenhouses and trees and fences around them.

Ivy-Covered Wall

Finally you came to a sort of ivy-covered wall with a little door in it. To one side of the door was a letter box with the name Mr. Merlin. Magician, printed on it. There was a bell, too.

An interesting thing always happened when you rang the doorbell. Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the curved-about names, always liked this part of their visit to Mr. Merlin.

When they rang the bell, a sign suddenly lit up reading: "Come In Please." Then the door swung open.

There weren't any stairs in Mr. Merlin's magical house and the rooms in his house weren't upstairs. They were downstairs. Indeed, there was no other way of getting down to Mr. Merlin's rooms than to take a long spiral slide. It was like going down a broad, smooth banister.

Knarf and Hanid now found themselves at the bottom of the slide right in the middle of Mr. Merlin's dining room. And there was Mr. Merlin, sitting at his table with a napkin around his neck and a knife in one hand and a fork in the other.

Two Visitors

"Good morning, my dears," he said to his two visitors who at this moment were getting back on their feet.

"Good morning, Mr. Merlin," said Knarf and Hanid.

"You're just in time for breakfast," said Mr. Merlin.

Knarf and Hanid sat down on either side of Mr. Merlin.

"What would you like to have?" Mr. Merlin said.

"We'll have what you're having," said Hanid.

Mr. Merlin said: "I'm having fried ostrich egg and a bowl of oatmeal. Do try the ostrich egg. I'm sure you'll like it."

Knarf and Hanid both declared that they would rather not try the ostrich egg. "I'd rather have pancakes with maple syrup," added Hanid.

Hearing this, Mr. Merlin suddenly beamed. "Now that's a wonderful idea!" he exclaimed. "I'll have ostrich egg some other day. We'll all have pancakes!"

With that, Mr. Merlin shouted toward the kitchen door: "Pancakes, please! Three big portions!" He clapped his hands.

Stack Of Pancakes

Instantly a whole stack of golden brown pancakes came sailing through the door along with plates, forks, spoons, napkins and a big jar of real Vermont maple syrup.

Things like this usually happened when you had breakfast with a magnificent magician like Mr. Merlin.

After breakfast, Knarf and Hanid walked around Mr. Merlin's magical garden. It was



Mr. Merlin was sitting at his table with knife and fork.

magical because the bluebells really ring, the snapdragons really snapped, the tiger lilies really roared and the roses, marigolds and irises all jumped out of the ground and danced around Knarf and Hanid as they strolled up and down the lovely garden path.

"The thing I like best about this garden," said Mr. Merlin as Knarf and Hanid were about to take their leave, "is that I never have to water the flowers. They all go to the fountain themselves."

"Mr. Merlin really is a most magnificent and marvellous magician, isn't he?" Hanid said to her brother, after they had slid up the spiral slide again and were back in their own room.

Rupert and the Black Circle—22



The three pals crouch in some exiguous hiding place, wondering who will appear. "Oh bother," whispers Rupert. "I do believe I'm going to sneeze." He tries frantically to bottle it up but with no luck. "It's no good, I can't stop it!" he chokes.



"A-a-choo!" Unknown to the others the person from whom they are hiding is none other than Bingo, the brainy Pup, and the loud sneeze behind the tree as close to him shakes him most violently. "Whatever was that?" he gasps.

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CAN A
MOTHER
STAY
LOVELY?
No. 2

DANY DAZZLES...on a three-day diet once a year

By EILEEN ASCROFT

FEW women are born ravine beauties, but most can achieve an illusion of beauty with careful grooming, sparkling good health and vitality.

French film star Dany Robin is one of the best examples. I know of a young wife and mother who achieves radiant beauty through good health.

Her good looks do not come out of pots and bottles. In fact, she uses absolutely no make-up, except mascara.

"Exercise every day in the fresh air," is Dany's No. 1 rule for good health. She rides each morning.

Your own exercise is much more likely to be walking the baby's pram in the park, but it is the regular exercise and the fresh air that count.

A sensible diet and lots of cold clear water to drink be-

two men are other daily rules.

And here is Dany's special diet, which she follows for three days once a year to trim down her figure: tea without sugar or milk for breakfast, a glass of port wine and a slice of Gruyere cheese for lunch and for dinner. During the three days she loses 10 lb.

"What is the secret of sparkling good health for the average housewife?" I asked a doctor. He has three good tips to pass on, to all young wives:

● Explore life, don't drift into an everyday rut. It is boredom that sends so many young women to their doctors.

● Stay away from the frying pan. Never skip your mid-day meal or resort to cake, biscuits and bun snacks. Fruit, salads, green vegetables and plenty of protein will give you greater energy.

● Try to put your feet up and really RELAX for a short time every afternoon. This is especially necessary if you have young babies and wakeful nights.

Your figure may be fine at the moment, but now is the time to form healthy eating habits that will pay dividends later on.

Quick food tips for health and beauty eating. Include orange juice and carrots for bright eyes and clear skin, sugar for attractive vitality (found in honey and fresh fruit) and at least one glass of milk a day for healthy nails and hair.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Commonwealth Savings Bank

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$170,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Deposits Fall Off

Sydney, Apr. 17. The Commonwealth Savings Bank at the end of February held deposits of \$704 million, an official of the bank told the Sydney Morning Herald.

This represented a decline during February of \$2.48 million—or less than 3 per cent of deposits' balances. The official was commenting on a statement yesterday by the Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank that its deposits in the six weeks to the end of February totalled £10.9 million. The Commonwealth Bank official said the decline in depositors' balances in March would be "nowhere near" the February figure of £2.48 million—though final figures were not yet available.

Not Concerned At

Competition

Asked if the Commonwealth Bank was concerned at competition from private savings banks, the official said: "Certainly not." "We knew that the big decline in our balances in February probably went to the private savings banks. But with 1,500 branches between them what can you expect?"

"We feel most of their new depositors are people who merely sought to do their trading and savings bank business under the one roof."

"In January and February the Commonwealth Savings Bank opened 100,000 new accounts, compared with 145,000 in the same period last year. The official said he understood that the Bank of New

South Wales held about 45,000 new accounts at the end of February.

The Commonwealth Savings Bank now had five million active depositors.

The official said not all the money deposited in private savings banks since they opened on January 10 represented "new money."

"Much of it has been transferred from the parent trading banks," he said.

"For instance, in January and February, 1955, the Bank of N.S.W. and the Australia and New Zealand Bank had substantial increases in balances."

"In January and February of this year the leading balance of the 'Wales' was down £2.8 million, and that of the A.N.Z. was down £2.4 million."

"Yet other private trading banks had bigger balances in the first two months of this year."

£2m Housing

Loans

In January and February the Commonwealth Savings Bank granted housing loans of £2 million through building societies and by individual credit-financing loans.

Another £1 million was made available for housing loans during March. Loans now outstanding for housing purposes amount to £80 million.

Bank of N.S.W. officials said that no decision had been reached on the savings bank's future investment policy, or on what funds would be available for housing loans.

But the licence under which the bank operated provided that at least 70 per cent of its funds must be held in cash or invested in Government or semi-Government securities.

US CREDITS

Washington, Apr. 17. Credits totalling \$5,054,000 to concerns in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, the Philippines, Ecuador and Italy were announced by the Import-Export Bank. The credits would be used to buy United States machinery and industrial equipment. Brazil would receive \$2,900,000, Mexico \$1,805,000, Colombia \$200,000, Ecuador \$310,000, Italy \$290,000 and the Philippines \$450,000 to assist in various enterprises in each country. —China Mail Special.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Apr. 17. The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 10 points higher to 15 points lower with sales of 320 contracts.

The standard contract closed 15 points higher to 15 points lower with 30 sales reported. Dealing covering at the close, along with some commission house buying, absorbed most of the scattered hedge selling and small liquidation.

Factory and other consumer buying in the local market remained slow. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted nominally 32 1/2 cents a pound.

Futures:

No. 1 Rs 31.00-42.00

May 31.00-42.00

July 31.00-42.00

Sept 31.00-42.00

Nov 31.00-42.00

Dec 31.00-42.00

Standard contract 31.00

May 31.45

July 31.70

Sept 31.95

Nov 32.20

Dec 32.45

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WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Apr. 17. Cotton futures today moved irregularly in less active dealings.

After see-sawing over a range of 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, the market closed net 3 1/2 higher to 7 1/2 points lower. Opening prices were up 3 to 5 1/2 points. New Orleans closed up 5 to 6 1/2 off 3 points.

Monday's activity and strength, following Presidential vote of the farm bill, simmered down overnight as trade interest awaited for the promised early announcement giving details of the export programme for raw cotton and the new Government loan rate.

Technicians calculate that under the minimum support base of at least 82 1/2 of parity, the average loan rate for new crop middling one-inch would be around 31 1/2 cents a pound.

Thus, the irreducible minimum rate actually would be higher than the three-cent drop which Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson indicated the desired while Congress was debating the farm bill. A three-cent reduction would have made the loan rate around 31.5 cents a pound.

Pending new developments of the loan rate and export programme, traders proceeded cautiously. New Orleans brokers sold at the opening, then turned to the buying side, only to liquidate again in later trading.

Mill interest, commission houses, local traders and shippers also were identified on both sides of the market, apparently in routine evening-up operations.

The certificated stock decreased 60 bales overnight to 1,200 bales.

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

Sept 36.25

Nov 36.50

Dec 36.75

Standard contract 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

Sept 36.25

Nov 36.50

Dec 36.75

Standard contract 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

Sept 36.25

Nov 36.50

Dec 36.75

Standard contract 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

Sept 36.25

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Standard contract 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

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Dec 36.75

Standard contract 35.50

May 35.75

July 36.00

Aust. Wheat Position Fairly Strong

Canberra, Apr. 17. Sir John Teasdale, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, said today that Australian wheat position was "fairly strong" and the main problem was getting ships to move it overseas. Sir John has returned from the International Wheat Council meeting at Geneva where he held discussions with representatives of importing nations. He said that the heavy damage to crops in France, Belgium and England could mean big orders for Australian soft wheat. "My Board's problem now seems to be not the getting of orders for wheat but the ships to move the wheat overseas," Sir John said.—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Prices in Chicago futures were steady to firm on the Board of Trade today.

Heavy buying during early trading today carried most grains sharply higher, and although later trade remained active, markets gave up part of the rise.

Toward the close, selling and profit-taking came into grains and dropped prices off to as much as four cents a bushel from the best levels of the day.

Administration plans to boost price supports for basic crops helped bolster markets. Demand for cash grain, and continued dry weather throughout the southwest winter wheat belt were also factors.

Wheat closed off 1 to 1 1/2 cents; soybeans up 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents.

CLOSING PRICES

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red 24 1/2

Spot 24 1/2

May 24 1/2

July 24 1/2

Sept 24 1/2

Nov 24 1/2

Dec 24 1/2

Standard contract 24 1/2

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WALL STREET STOCKS MOVE IN EASIER PATTERN

New York, Apr. 17. Stocks moved in a routine, slightly easier pattern today except for a handful of strong special issues.

Trading continued at a slow pace with sales for the day totalling 2,330,000 shares, only 20,000 ahead of yesterday's two-month low.

Early trading was firm but when no real demand developed most leaders backed down and industrials at the close were off 0.10.

Of a total 1,100 issues traded, 493 were off on the day, 409 higher.

Two of the best features were in oils—Gulf up nearly 4 points and Royal Dutch, nearly 3 points higher.

Steels were early upside leaders and held fairly well. Jones and Laughlin added more than a point, Armco nearly 1.

Aircraft Losses

Aircraft featured on the downside with losses ranging to more than 2 points in Boeing. Motors were easier, American Telephone continued soft as talk continued of an investigation of the company's influence on Government. It lost nearly a point on the day.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5,150,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,000,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials 125.97

20 utilities 65.23

10 railroads 100.14

40 stocks 104.24

Comm. future price index 104.24

Comm. spot price index 104.24

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Apr. 20 1/2

Allied Chemicals 12 1/2

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

HOME AND AWAY

ROBERT is 21, though he looks much younger, and he lives with his parents in their home in the East End, where all his boyhood has been spent.

Home for a boy, and for a young man until he chooses to leave it, should provide at once both a base, well-secured, from which to set out adventuring, and a bolt-hole, a refuge, to fly to when the outside world turns nasty.

Robert's home was more like the no-man's land in a battlefield than a base or a sanctuary. His father and his mother were at variance, and the atmosphere in the home was one of sullen, smouldering hostility. Cold war that periodically erupted into hot.

NON-COMBATANT
ROBERT as far as he could take either, took his mother's side in the rows and wrangling, but his part was chiefly a passive, non-combatant one, and as so often happens to non-combatants, it was he who suffered most in the conflict, a restricted battle area.

By day, Robert worked for a furniture-making firm, earning £10 a week, of which he gave half to his mother for his keep. By night? That was the problem. What to do in the long evenings and at week-ends to escape from his home.

EVENINGS OUT
ROBERT found several means of escape. By working as late as his employers would let him, he cut down the length of his evenings a little. And he took to going to classes of various kinds—dancing classes and some at which leatherwork was the subject—to get away from home.

He had friends, and being a prudent youth, had money saved to pay for occasional visits to the cinema and the theatre. But despite the trouble he took to fill up every evening, there were occasional times when he had nowhere to go and could not face staying at home.

TOO EARLY TO GO HOME
It was too early to go home. Robert decided to go to the West End to look at the theatres and pick one to visit later in the week with his girl.

At 11.25 that evening two plain clothes policemen arrested Robert as a suspected person loitering with felonious intent. They had seen him, they said, slipping down into basement areas.

ANOTHER CHANCE?
AT the Clerkenwell court, the magistrate, Mr. C. Camplin, found Robert guilty, and was told there was one previous conviction against him. He had been put on probation last autumn for stealing from an employer.

Now, this probation officer went into the witness-box. He told the magistrate about Robert's home life. "As a result of the atmosphere there," he said, "this young man is very highly strung and nervous."

"I'm not surprised that he was out so late. I don't think he ever goes home until the last possible moment."

"Would you be willing to give him another chance on probation?"

"Most certainly," said the probation officer, with a smile.

"Very well." The magistrate turned to Robert. "I'm going to discharge you conditionally," he said, "and the probation order will continue."

"Thank you," said Robert, and he went away, back to his work, back later, as much later as he could, to the battlefield of his home.

Failed To Pay Duty
A fine of \$300 was imposed by Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central this morning on Lee Kwong, 52, of No. 3 Eastern Street, second floor, for possession of dutiable goods.

Mr. Lo also ordered that the goods seized (including 112 boxes of Tortoise Extract, 92 boxes of Tortoise and Snake Extract and 70 boxes of Snake Extract) be confiscated if the duty of \$118.75 was not paid within 24 hours.

Revenue Insp. Kerswell told the Court that on Sunday a party of Revenue officers visited the Man Chun Medical Company, 24, Ko Shing Street, ground floor, and seized the goods, duty on which had not been paid.

IRENE KOHLER'S RECITAL

The Music Society of Hong-kong can reckon that its first concert was a great success. That success was largely due to the fine playing of Irene Kohler who gave a recital in the University Loke Yew Hall last night.

Miss Kohler is a pianist whose outstanding qualities are power and precision. This was already evident from her broad-cant, the previous evening, when she played Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata. Last night's programme was well chosen to demonstrate this power and depth—almost a feeling of physical depth, of sinking right down into the notes, and producing organ-like sonority in the bass.

The opening work was Bach's "Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue." The beginning of both sections was somewhat marred by a curious echo in the hall which blurred the softer passages. But this was overcome as the Fugue built up in volume.

A PLEASURE
The second big work—the major item of the concert—was Brahms's two sets of Variations on the theme by Paganini. Like the Handel-Brahms Variations (which I personally prefer), these variations contain demands on every kind of pianistic ability. Miss Kohler has a technique and approach eminently suitable to Brahms's great striding phrases and colossal chord structure.

It was a pleasure to hear a woman pianist play with such technical power and at the same time with such ease of wrist, arm and fingers, and it was also a pleasure to watch the interplay of the hands.

Between these two large works came a little two-movement Mozart Sonata in E-flat major, and a short, quiet and cheerful Chopin Nocturne. The echo made itself heard again here, interfering with the requisite delicacy.

The second half of the programme contained two pieces from "Debussy" by Debussy, including two pieces from "Reflets" by Debussy, and Debussy's "Reflets" by Debussy. These all belong to the "Impressionist" type of music, and Miss Kohler used precision and lightness to achieve the requisite mood, particularly in the Debussy picture with her playing limp, yet with the impressionist's elusive quality.

A "Scherzo" by Arthur Benjamin, dedicated to Miss Kohler, was a humorous, revealing, and somewhat impish outlook characteristic of this pleasant composer (for instance in his Jamaican Rumba for two pianos).

GROUP OF CHOPIN
Finally came a group of Chopin. The Nocturne in C minor, being all on one gentle level, the Valse in F was an interesting choice, but one of the most popular, but brilliant and effectively given.

The group of studies Miss Kohler again excelled with her easy technical command of these difficult works, every note was clear, passages which are too often "faked" by lesser players.

The B-flat minor Scherzo ended the programme, a dramatic work, containing many moods in its short duration. Here the contrasts were well emphasized, and Miss Kohler retained to the end of this demanding programme the clear, clean, and sane freshness, strength and brilliance as she had revealed at the beginning.

Encore, she gave a movement from a Mozart Sonata in C, and Liszt's Dance of the Gnomes. An encore of such large audience finally let her go, but hopes that she will now include Hongkong regularly in her concert tours.—A.S.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My psychology book says to ignore such performances." Jimmy's just trying to attract attention!

HK Oil Companies Tackling Kerosene Smuggling Racket

A Chinese resident of Shatin complained in the correspondence page of a vernacular newspaper yesterday that he was unable to obtain his supply of kerosene at the controlled price and that even at the blackmarket rate of \$9 per tin of four imperial gallons, Shatin residents still found it difficult to obtain the fuel freely.

The correspondent alleged that smuggling was the cause of the shortage and that the genuine consumers were suffering because of the illegal activities.

Commenting on this, Mr. R. Y. Frost, General Manager of The Shell Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., said this morning that if the correspondent would write to his company directly, the matter would be put right and that his supply of kerosene at regular price would be assured. Mr. Frost requested any person experiencing a similar difficulty, to write to the company and the complaint would be investigated.

While admitting that there were smuggling activities going on in the New Territories, Mr. Frost said the shortage was temporary and it might partly have been caused by a very small quota of kerosene being withdrawn from Shatin to supplement that at Un Long during the past few days. He added that the transfer of the quota had now been stopped.

Mr. Frost said he was aware of the complaints which appeared in a vernacular journal.

THE CAUSE
He said his company was doing its utmost to ensure that there should be no short supply, realising that genuine consumers would have to suffer.

But, he said, the small-time collectors, who purchased odd tins of kerosene from retailers, grocery stores and small shops and sold them to smugglers for a small profit, were the persons responsible for the artificial shortage of the fuel. Their activities were difficult to curb as shop keepers had no reason to refrain from selling them a tin on request.

Mr. Frost revealed that one oil company with a view to stopping these blackmarket activities, had issued ration cards to consumers on application and more than 6,000 such cards had been issued recently. In a check later, that company discovered that some holders of

WITNESS BECOMES UNWELL DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION

The woman complainant in the case against a 27-year-old unemployed charged with robbery with aggravation in the Criminal Sessions this morning became unwell during cross-examination by the Defence Counsel and was allowed to leave the Court for a short rest.

During her absence two other Prosecution witnesses were examined.

On trial before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Senior Puisne Judge is Tsui Dick, alias Tsui Tsang-yui, alias Robert Tsui, and he is alleged to have, together with two other persons, robbed Tsui Sau-nor at her residence at Lan Fong Road, of money and jewellery to a total value of over \$28,000.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. S. C. Wang. Accused is defended by Mr. Patrick Yu, on the instructions of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

Tsui Sau-nor, the complainant in her evidence yesterday had stated that she identified the accused at an identification parade as being one of three men who carried out an armed robbery at her residence on October 19 last.

In answer to the Defence Counsel, Mr. Yu, complainant said that on the morning of January 17 she went to the Eastern Police Station with her children and her driver. She was driven there in her own car. Later she proceeded to Bay View Police Station.

"I DON'T REMEMBER"
She said she could not now remember whether she entered Bay View Station by the front entrance. She believed that the car stopped at the entrance and she walked into the Station.

Complainant said she could not remember whether, on walking into the Station, she noticed the charge room facing the entrance. She agreed she had been to the Station on three occasions for the purpose of identification.

Mr. Yu: Do you still say that when you entered the entrance you did not notice the charge room immediately facing you?

Complainant: It is a long time now, I don't remember.

In answer to a further question, complainant said that she could neither read nor write Chinese or English.

At that yesterday she surprised at it that yesterday she took place at your flat you had no hesitation in remembering quite a lot of things. This morning when you were asked about what took place at Bay View, you did not seem to remember very much. Why is that?

Complainant: I am dizzy.

DECLINES OFFERS
Defence Counsel asked complainant whether she was not well and whether she wished to sit down. Complainant declined the offer of a chair and said she preferred to stand.

She also declined when asked by her Lordship whether she would like a glass of water.

When Defence Counsel's question was repeated, complainant said that her mind was not working. She told his Lordship she was not feeling well and accepted a suggestion that she take a short rest.

Complainant was escorted from the Courtroom, accompanied by her husband.

Detective Sergeant Wong Shui said he was a member of a Police party, headed by Det. Sub-Inspector S. C. Wong which accompanied the accused on a visit to an address in Diamond Hill on the morning of January 17. They returned to Eastern Station at about 3.30 a.m.

Det. Cpl. Cheung Sau, another member of the same party gave corroborative evidence. He was about 3.50 a.m. when he finished work.

He agreed with Defence Counsel that the accused was handed over to the Inspector on duty and put in a cage at 3.38 a.m. as recorded. He did not look at the time then. He assumed it must be correct if it was so recorded.

ASSAULT DENIED
Mr. Yu: Are you aware that the accused was put in a cage at 3.38 a.m. as recorded? He did not look at the time then. He assumed it must be correct if it was so recorded.

Sailor Robs Woman

Michael Sanders, 18, a sailor of HMS St Brides Bay, was cautioned and bound over in \$500 for one year by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central this morning for stealing \$100 from a woman.

Mr. d'Almada said it was not his policy to send first offenders to gaol. "You are young. It was a very foolish act for you to steal for no apparent reason."

Defendant's superior officer told the court that Sanders joined the Services in July, last year, and his character had been assessed as good. He had no previous conviction.

\$100 MISSING
The Prosecution officer told the court that at 9 p.m. yesterday, the defendant went to the house of the complainant, Chan Ho, at the roof top of No. 28 Tsimshoan Road. A short while later, the complainant left the house to see what was happening outside, and when she returned the defendant had left. She immediately checked her purse and found \$100 missing.

Running downstairs, she met the defendant and asked him to return to the house. She then asked the defendant if he had taken any money and defendant denied he had. She searched him but found nothing. She then asked defendant to take off his shoes whereupon the defendant refused and ran downstairs, closely chased by the complainant. He was later arrested by two policemen and a passer-by.

At the police station, a total of \$87 was found on him, \$3 out of the \$100 stolen being missing. Cautioning the defendant, Mr. d'Almada also ordered him to repay the missing \$3 to the complainant.

BARRISTER ILL
Owing to illness of Counsel, Mr. V. J. D'Alma, hearing of the action against the Tai Wah Moneychangers for the return of \$12,300 was adjourned sine die by Mr. Justice J. Reynolds in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. D'Alma, instructed by Mr. G. Hampton, is representing the plaintiffs, Kwan Sun-hoi and his son, Kwan Wing-tat, merchants, of 70 Ying To Street, Talkoitsai.

They claim that the money was the balance to their credit from deposits with the moneychangers by the father, Kwan Sun-hoi, for the purpose of remittances to China in 1950.

The defendant moneychangers are represented by Mr. Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford. They allege that all the money was remitted to the son, Kwan Wing-tat, in 1950 and that the plaintiffs had no more money to their credit.

Street Thefts
A Chinese woman had her wristlet watch stolen at 9.10 a.m. yesterday whilst walking in Second Street, Western District. A suspect has been detained in connection with this case.

At 3 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese male stole a wristlet watch from a woman pedestrian in Gough Street, Central District. A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese woman passenger on board a bus travelling along Nathan Road at about 8 a.m. yesterday. Another pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese male pedestrian near the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf. A suspect has been detained in connection with the latter case.



"My psychology book says to ignore such performances." Jimmy's just trying to attract attention!

There is a long list of tunes on record which have done very well in Great Britain and America after their "discovery" out in this part of the world by an enterprising Western musician. "China Nights" and "Rose, Rose I Love You" are the two most known but there have been many more.

Some of the local composers are already sharpening their pencils and attuning their ears to the Western style in the hope of writing a hit.

With a modern recording plant in Hongkong it would be possible to turn out a genuine home-made hit if the right song came along. It would sound good on the local hi-parades, wouldn't it?

TROUBLE FOR NAT
You probably read of the unfortunate incidents at a recent Nat 'King' Cole appearance in a town in one of the Southern States. His act was broken up by a group of people who apparently objected to his being a Negro. It is pleasant to add that although Nat was knocked about a bit he was able to carry on and when he appeared again at his next show in another town the audience gave him a tremendous ovation, just as to him they were on his side.

This column is no place for a discussion on the colour problem in the States but there is one thing worthy of mention. Of all the recording stars, think how many are Negroes. Band leaders Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington and Count Basie rank high in the list of great artists. Piano players Errol Garner and Teddy Wilson head a list of keyboard wizards who are coloured. The singing girls include Sarah Vaughan, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington. The group have Nat, King, Billy Eckstine, Billy Daniels and many groups such as the Mills Brothers.

The Negro musicians and singers of America have made a great and significant contribution to their country's music and it does seem a shame that they should be attacked in the way Nat was by a group of people who want to retain the old order of segregation.

ODDS AND ENDS
Estela, singing at the Blue Heaven, is one of the brightest singers ever to grace our stage. She is one who does not seem to be aware of the current popular hit "I Want You" with such verve and vigour as she does other things remarkably well. She plays from the heart and drives a lorry. The trombone playing is part of her act but her lorry is a thing of the past. Lilian used to do this for a living and is reported to have said recently that if people get fed up with the way she sings she can always go back to it.

Liberty may not go to Britain after the war. She was as good as a flop in the United Kingdom, and it does seem a shame that she should be attacked in the way Nat was by a group of people who want to retain the old order of segregation.

BEGINNERS PLEASE
Finally a reminder to those who feel that they too could make the grade as a singing star. The new series of radio Hongkong talent programmes starts at the end of this month and there is still a chance for you to get on one of them. There will be six in all, every Thursday evening, and from the six competitors for the first prize, one will be selected to appear in the final programme. There will be cash prizes for the first, second and third places. The final most important of all for the competitors: there is the opportunity of securing a big name and knowing what the public think.

You need only to write to "The Hongkong Times" (P.O. Box 200, G.P.O. Box 200). Give details of your act, whether it be singing, playing an instrument, even dancing, and you will be put on the list for audition.

COUPLE ROBBED
At about 11.20 p.m. yesterday, a party of men accompanied a Chinese couple on the title bus. The couple were travelling to the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf. A suspect has been detained in connection with the latter case.

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TWO INJURED
Two persons were injured yesterday in separate traffic accidents on the roads of the Colony.

At 7.20 p.m. yesterday, a private motor car, proceeding downhill along Pokfulam Road towards Jaling Road, struck the offside wall and overturned.

The vehicle was badly damaged. The driver sustained injuries and is detained in hospital. At 10.35 p.m. yesterday, a private motor car collided with a Chinese male who was crossing the roadway. The pedestrian, Huang Shiu, 29 years of age, of No. 4780, Reclamation Area, Shek Kip Mei, sustained injuries and is detained in hospital.

The Inspector added that the defendants were genuine fishermen and the Police had no doubt that the weapons were dragged out from the bottom of the net off Lam Tuen Island in Colonial waters. He said that a certain amount of arms had been recovered by the military authorities in the same area sometime last year.

Mr. Creedon ordered both defendants to be bound over in \$500 for 12 months. The weapons, which are in good condition and serviceable, were confiscated.